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Local road receives upgrades to promote economic development

LANSING – A portion of 40th Street in Holland will be reconstructed and widened to accommodate commercial vehicle traffic from local businesses, said Sen. Patty Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township.

S2 Yachts, a Holland based company located on 40th Street, is expanding its Holland operation, but the local street will not support the heavy commercial traffic that will be generated by the expansion. Several other businesses located in the area use the road as well. The current two-lane road, without curb and gutter, does not meet all-season standards needed by these companies.

The project will reconstruct 40th Street to an industrial three-lane road from Waverly Road to 2500 feet east of Waverly. The road reconstruction is being financed in part by a Transportation Economic Development Fund grant.

“Our local companies require favorable road conditions to conduct business or they will be forced to locate elsewhere,” Birkholz said. “I am pleased to see Holland receive this grant that will allow S2 Yachts to expand here and keep our local residents employed.”

S2 Yachts designs and manufactures premium pleasure boats in Michigan and other states. It had the option to expand in Michigan or North Carolina. Through incentives provided by the state and city it chose to expand in Holland. This expansion will create 150 jobs by 2010 and as many as 400 jobs in the long term.

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